

Information for adults...

- Make sure that children know the safest route to the bus stop. Better still, walk with them or drive them there so they don't have to cross the road on their own.
- Make sure that children are as visible as possible, by wearing bright and/or light-coloured clothing.
- If you have your car, park it out of the way of the bus or other children. Tell children that while they wait for the bus, it is important not to play games that could have them running onto the road.
- If you are picking children up from the bus stop, meet them at the bus stop, on the same side of the road as the bus pulls up. Never call out for children to come to you from across the road. Have an alternative plan in case you are running late.
- Always reduce driving speed to 20 km/h when passing a stationary school bus.
- Regularly discuss and practise the points in this pamphlet with your children.



Contacts

- **School bus service** – your school
- **Road construction and maintenance** – local authority (city or district council) or a regional office of Transit New Zealand
- **General road safety** – a regional office of Land Transport New Zealand or New Zealand Police at your local police station.



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Safety and the school bus



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Getting on the bus...

- When waiting for the bus, stand well back from the road.
- Wait until the bus has stopped and then walk to the door in a single line. Don't push others.
- Let the youngest children go first.
- Carry your bag in front of you so it doesn't get caught in the door.



On the bus...

- Stay seated and put your bag under the seat or on your knees.
- Stay in your seat until the bus has stopped.
- If you have to stand, put your bag on the floor and hold onto the back of a seat or onto a handrail.
- Listen to any instructions that the bus driver or the bus warden tell you.
- Always stay behind the driver.

Getting off the bus...

- Get off the bus carefully, using the front door. Don't push others.
- After getting off the bus, wait as far away from the edge of the road as you can until the bus has moved away.
- If you need to cross the road, wait until the bus has driven past and you can see clearly up and down the road before crossing. Always use the kerb drill to cross.
- Stand well clear of the bus if it is turning or reversing.



Kerb drill

- 1 Find a safe place to cross (at a crossing or away from a corner).
- 2 Stop one step back from the kerb (practise this by walking to the kerb and taking one step back).
- 3 Look and listen for traffic from all directions.
- 4 If there is traffic coming, wait until it has passed, then look and listen for traffic again.
- 5 When there is no traffic coming, quickly walk straight across the road, looking both ways for traffic.